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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/635,473	<b>Applicant(s)</b> WIECHERS, ALEJANDRO	
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 18-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 18-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### Response to Amendment

1. This action is in reply to Applicant's response, filed 18 January 2008 to the first office action.
2. Claims 9-17 have been canceled.
3. Claims 1-8 have been amended and are pending.
4. New Claims 18-23 have been added and are also pending.

### Specification

5. Amended paragraph 45 on page 13 of the specification is accepted. No new material has been added.

### Response to the Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. **Claims 1-8 and 18-23** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lavery et al., US 6,791,707 B2, hereafter known as Lavery.

#### Claims 1-18:

With regard to the limitations:

- ***Creating a digital file at a designer location of an image to be printed.***
- ***Receiving printer configuration information.***
- ***Generating shipping instructions for the printed output.***
- ***Creating a file with the digital file and the shipping instructions.***
- ***Print and the ship the printed product.***

Lavery in at least FIG. 3 and Column 10, lines 15-67 discloses a series of steps used in creating a print order. A customer inputs data on the web site and the system creates a Print Ready File (PRF). The PRF is shown to the customer for proofing and once the order is approved the order is sent to the printer along with the customer's order data (i.e. quantity, shipping address, etc.). Lavery in at least Column 11, lines 1-13 further discloses that once the order is printed it is shipped to the customer. Therefore, it would have been obvious, at the time of the invention, to one of ordinary skill in the art that Lavery's customer can be the designer and subsequently creates the file which will be printed, based on the configuration and capability of the printer and provides the shipping instructions to the printer,

**Claims 2-4 and 19-21:**

With regard to the limitations:

- ***Verify and correct the digital file.***
- ***Verify and correct the shipping instructions.***
- ***Supplementing the shipping instructions as required.***

Lavery in at least Column 10, lines 58-67 discloses a customer viewing a file and either approving (or not), changing the digital print file, updating the customer data as required (i.e. quantity, shipping address, etc.). Therefore, it would have been obvious, at the time of the invention, to one of ordinary skill in the art that Lavery allows a customer to proof the print file and update or supplement the shipping instructions as required.

**Claims 7 and 22:**

With regard to the limitation:

- ***Updating job ticket in the file at the printer service location.***

Lavery in at least FIG.9 and Column 14 lines 44-46 discloses sending a message regarding the success or failure in the performance of a printing task. Lavery in at least Column 12, lines 29-67 discloses a Vendor Order System (VOS) which processes tasks or information, including but

not limited to, job instructions, purchase orders, invoices payments and shipping status of orders. Therefore, it would have been obvious, at the time of the invention, to one of ordinary skill in the art that Lavery by messaging the success or failure of a printing task is updating the printer's job ticket.

8. **Claims 5-6 and 8-23** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lavery as applied to claims 1-2 and 18-19 above, and further in view of FedEx.

**Claims 5, 6, 8 and 23:**

With regard to the limitations:

- ***Sending to the print service provider the operational status of the shipping device.***
- ***Sending job status of the shipping device to the print service provider location.***
- ***Selecting a shipping device.***

Lavery in at least Column 11, lines 10-11 discloses that an order is shipped to a customer. Lavery in at least Column 12, lines 29-41 discloses a vendor order system (VOS) which processes tasks including job instructions, purchase orders, invoices, payments and shipping status of orders. Lavery in at least FIG.6 and Column 13, lines 43-53 further discloses the system database having billing and shipping rules. Lavery does not specifically disclose the operational status of the shipping device or selecting a shipping device. However, FedEx in at least FedExTrack discloses providing a package tracking service using email for notification and in FedEx Automated Solutions discloses a wealth of electronic tools, applications and APIs for customers to integrate into their processes to shorten response time, reduce inventory costs and simplify their shipping. Therefore, it would have been obvious, at the time of the invention, to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the elements of Lavery's job and shipping status of orders with the well know FedEx Automated Solutions to achieve the predictable results of providing customers with a shipping solution that meets their needs.

### Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:
- Ryan et al., US 2002/0016803 A1. Teaches a graphical user interface for managing assembler and finishing systems.
  - Leamy et al., US 5,590,245. Teaches a method for Transmitting Image Processing Jobs from a Client System, and Routing and Performing the Jobs in an Image Processing System.
10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PAUL DANNEMAN whose telephone number is (571)270-1863. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 6AM-5PM Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Florian Zeender can be reached on 571-272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3627

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